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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

September Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 25, 2018
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
 8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Darryl Burnett, Carlessia Hussein, Sheri Lewis, Paul Nagy, Matt Reber

Members Excused: Gary Stewart, Deborah Rivkin

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Sandra McCarthy, Student Nurse BSN – To Observe

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Welcome and Introductions	Carlessia Hussein opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to accept June's minutes.	The motion to accept the June 2018 minutes was approved unanimously
	Introduction of Guest: Sandra McCarthy, Bachelor of Science, Nursing Program (a public health nursing student), a resident of Howard County, is observing because she has an interest in community nursing.	
	A revised agenda for tonight's meeting was presented. The topics of school based mental health services was changed to next month because two board members are out and next month we will have new members present. We will go over updates from last year and somethings we worked on over the summer.	Approval of revised agenda was approved.
New Business	<p>Presentation – Youth Suicide Prevention Plan is in development:</p> <p>Suicide was the leading cause of death for youth ages 15-19 in Howard County between 2014-2016. The number of young children and adolescents admitted to hospital for thoughts of suicide or self-harm more than doubled from 2008 to 2015. To address this public health concern, the HCHD is developing a suicide prevention awareness campaign to promote awareness of the significant impact of youth suicide within HC. As an initiative of the Child Fatality Review Team and the HCHD Child & Adolescent Injury Prevention program, the multi-phased project will include a long-term strategic plan and an awareness campaign aimed at reducing stigma and promoting local resources. The goal is to reduce the number of youth suicides to zero. As a community, we can change the conversation around suicide and support prevention efforts.</p>	

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	<p>Historically this has been the highest number, all being African American males dying by asphyxia. Increase of suicide is a concern in the state as well as nationally. In June a meeting was convened with HCPSS and other stakeholders to address this problem. HCHD will be rolling out a youth suicide prevention program.</p>	
Old Business	<p><u>Reviews from Over the Summer</u></p> <p>We did send out the July CE report – so if there are any questions, please let us know.</p> <p>In response to the rise of STIs in the County youth, the School System and HCHD launched an awareness campaign to inform students about the risks and offer free screening test and access to treatment. The initiative I Want the Kit (IWTK) is co-sponsored and funded by a grant from the Maryland Dept. of Health.</p> <p>Over the summer we rolled out an awareness strategic plan for adolescent on Suicide Prevention, will discuss more in detail later at this meeting.</p> <p><u>Department IT:</u></p> <p>Health Officer shared with the Department had experienced significant IT issues over the summer. The Bureau Director of Administration retired. This position oversees Human Resource, Fiscal Division, Contracts, IT Services and Central Services. We recruited for that position and that persons starts tomorrow 9-27-18. Tammy Sanders is transferring from HDH, downtown with 20 years of service and has IT experience. Shortly after the Bureau Director’s retirement, our IT Director abruptly resigned in August, along with another IT person.</p> <p>The Department was experiencing several critical IT system issues. We reach out to County IT for assistance. They have assisted with hiring IT contractual staff, stabilizing our system, backing it up, and more. We are in the process of migrating our systems to the County data center at the Ligon building where this information will be backed up regularly. As far as Security there was no evidence of a breach. All the changes occurring will strengthen and improve the system.</p> <p>We will soon be hiring a IT Director who will report to the Bureau of Administration. We have been working on re-crafting that job description and will be recruiting soon.</p> <p><u>Accreditation</u></p> <p>We submit our documentation for accreditation. The next step in accreditation will be to schedule the pre-visit. The official PHAB visit is expected sometime in the Spring 2019. Board will be briefed in late fall.</p>	

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	<p><u>HCPSS Data Sharing Agreement</u> We now have a sharing agreement with the School System. Thanks to the Board for their input.</p> <p><u>Harm Reduction Capacity Building</u> Harm Reduction Capacity Building: Conducted a Form open to the Public. Bring it to Howard County – we continue to work with the State if we decide to go forward.</p> <p><u>Carlessia shared</u> she attended a meeting on Fetal Death Groups: They are looking for evidence of action to get the information out to people. Four different Community meetings were held. It seems that there is a shortage of Obstetricians. (Follow-up in months to come.)</p> <p><u>Nominations</u> There were three Candidates names submitted to the County Executive’s office for confirmation. A hearing will be held by the County Council on September 17, 2018. They will vote on October 2, 2018 if approved. They were Dr. Judith Ann Chernoff, Erica M. Martin – Social Worker (Mental Health) and Dr. Jill A. RachBeisel (Phycologist). All three are excited to be part of the Board and they are not part of any other boards. There is a fourth name, that has to be vetted who is representing the environmental health professional. The name is being vetted by the CE. If this nomination moves forward, the public hearing will be scheduled for October 15 and the Council vote on October 29th. Our goal is in January, Health Officer will go back in January to see if this person can come on Board.</p> <p><u>For the Good of the Group</u> Carlessia shared her trip experience to LA to visit with her new Great, Great Grandson with the Group. Daryl also shared his vacation/work experience while in Hawaii.</p> <p>BOH Guest Observer, Sandra McCarthy, Student Nurse BSN, main objectives, is to work with Communities Health and Wellness she complemented us on serving Healthy Choices of veggies at our Board Meeting.</p>	
	<p>Topics for future meetings: Next Steps on Youth Suicide School Based Mental Health Services: Dr. Douge, Mr. James, LeMon and Ms. Cindy Schulmeyer</p>	
Other Business	NO MEETING IN DECEMBER 2018	
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i>	

Next Board of Health Meeting: October 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045